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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/539,397	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GATES ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Helen L. Pezzuto	<b>Art Unit</b> 1796	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 23-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-22 in the reply filed on 4/9/09 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that a search for both groups would not place an undue burden on the examiner. This is not found persuasive because the polymer as claimed can be made by other viable process such as condensation polymerization reactions. Furthermore, the ground for the restriction requirement is the special feature (i.e. the polymer) which these claims share does not define a contribution over the prior art, and thus, unity of the invention is lacking and the restriction is appropriate.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 23-46 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 4/9/09.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 3-4, 10-14, 17, 19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kanazawa et al. (J. Polym. Sci., Part A, vol. 31, 1993, 3031-3038).

The journal article to Kanazawa et al. discloses phosphonium salt polymers containing different alkyl spacers (i.e. methylene units). The instant polymer is met when x and y is 2 (see structure on page 3032).

5. Claims 1-2, 4, and 11-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 906,408.

GB-408 discloses phosphorus-containing polymer as defined in col. 1, line 15, wherein R is a monofunctional aromatic hydrocarbon radical, X is a difunctional hydrocarbon group, and Y is an oxygen, sulfur atom or is absent (i.e. an electron pair), thus, embracing the instant polymer as defined in the present claims.

6. Claims 1, 3-13, 15-19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 1,021,016.

GB-016 discloses a phosphorus-containing copolymer derived from copolymerization of a phosphine compound  $PX_1X_2X_3$  with an ethylenically unsaturated monomers such as

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(meth)acrylic esters, styrene, and isoprene (page 1, lines 54-90). Thus, meeting the instant polymer and copolymer as expressed in the present claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Helen L. Pezzuto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1108. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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